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METROPOLIS.

PRIME TIME

Part Three

GOOD NIGHT, GUYS.

NO TURNS

THE HEROES OF THE DC UNIVERSE HAVE EMERGED VICTORIOUS FROM THE KING OMEGA TOURNAMENT...THANKS TO SUPERMAN. KAL-EL OF KRYPTON SACRIFICED EVERYTHING TO BESTOW ALPHA ENERGY UPON EVERYONE AND BRING NEW HOPE TO THE COSMOS...

AND HEY, REMEMBER. THE SOLICIT COPY IS ***JUST SALES COPY***--IT'S NOT THE STORY. YOU GOTTA READ THE COMIC, Y'KNOW?

YEAH, YEAH.

THANKS FOR LETTING US HANG OUT, CK. THE OWNER NEVER LETS US JUST CHILL.

SEE YOU NEXT WEDNESDAY, DUDE.

...AND DISAPPEARED IN THE PROCESS. NOW A NEW MAN OF METROPOLIS TAKES CENTER STAGE...ONE WHO HAILS FROM OUR WORLD, EARTH-PRIME, AND WHO LOVES HIM SOME DC COMICS...

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED IF THOSE NERDS WANTED TO KEEP HANGING OUT. BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I HAVE THE TIME FOR SOCIAL STUFF RIGHT NOW. NOT IF I'M GOING TO PROVE I CAN BE SUPERMAN.

BUT IS THAT WHAT ***CLARK*** WOULD DO? LOIS SAID HE ALWAYS FOUND TIME FOR ***BOTH.***

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I WISH I COULD TALK TO SUPERMAN. OR AT LEAST GET A SIGN OF WHAT I SHOULD--

EEEEEEEEE!!!

MONSTERS! HELP ME!

PLEASE! HELP ME!

WHOA, I KNOW HER FROM THE COMIC BOOK STORE! PULL BOX NUMBER 87!

IT'S PRIME TIME, BABY!

DON'T WORRY, MISS. I'LL SAVE YOU.

CKK!

MY HERO.

FWWOOOSSSHHH!

WHAT THE--?

GOT 'IM.

TAE RUOY TRAEH TUO, ANNATAZ.

INNOCENCE LOST. REVEAL OURSELVES.

TRAP HIS SOUL. HEART OF GOLD. YOUR NEW MASTER IS...

WITCHFIRE!

UH, SORRY, BUT MAGIC WON'T EVEN GIVE ME A SUNBURN.

DANG IT, I JUST BLEW YM COVER...

WAIT. THE CUTE GUY FROM THE COMIC BOOK STORE...

...IS A SUPERHERO?

SORT OF, YEAH. DID YOU SAY I WAS CUTE?

NO I DIDN'T.

I...I KNOW YOU. YOU WERE IN...THE POWER COMPANY? ARE YOU A VILLAIN NOW?

WHAT? NO.

YOU SEEMED SO NICE AND I NEEDED AN INNOCENT PERSON FOR A SPELL...

INNOCENT?

HAHAHA!

READ A BACK ISSUE, LADY! I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD CALL ME INNOCENT...

TNK CHH

"I MAIMED A FEW LAME TITANS AND KILLED A BUNCH OF RANDO GLs. MAYBE, SORT OF TRIED TO DESTROY WHOLE WORLDS...

TNK CHH

"...MOST OF IT WAS AN ACCIDNET.

OR, Y'KNOW... NOT MY FAULT.

AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO RETCON. BUT GOOD OR BAD...

...I'M WORKING ON A ***REDEMPTION ARC.***

HMM. SO YOU'RE OF NO USE TO ME, THEN.

SEE YOU AT THE COMIC BOOK STORE, BLUE.

WHY DID YOU NEED A ***SPELL?***

IT'S NOTHING. MY COVEN SENSED ***DARK MAGIC*** HERE IN METROPOLIS. THE RUNES TOLD US SOMEONE PLANS TO UNLEASH A DEMON TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.

I THOUGHT I COULD USE A SACRIFICIAL BAIT SPELL TO DRAW THEM OUT, BUT THAT PLAN CRASHED AND BURNED.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

HOLD UP...

WHAT ***KIND*** OF DEMON?

HELL HOLE

UH, WHY ARE WE DRESSED LIKE WE'RE IN A *VERTIGO* COMIC?

IT'S CALLED *STEALTH,* DUDE. WE NEED TO BE SNEAKY IF WE WANT TO GET CLOSE TO WHOEVER IS PLAYING AROUND WITH THE DARK MAGIC.

JUST BE COOL, OKAY?

EEEEEEEE!!!!--YEAH!

WHAT DO I CALL YOU, BY THE WAY? SUPERMAN OR SUPERBOY?

UH, SOME PEOPLE CALL ME SUPERBOY BECAUSE THEY THINK I HAVEN'T TOTALLY EARNED THE *MAN* PART YET. BUT I GUESS YOU CAN CALL ME *PRIME.*

ACTUALLY... WHO ARE *YOU?* WAS YOUR NAME *WITCHFIRE* OR WAS THAT JUST A SPELL?

IT'S MY CODE NAME *AND* A SPELL. BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME *REBECCA.*

"I FOUND AN OLD SPELLBOOK WHEN I WAS A KID, AND IT TIED ME TO A BUNCH OF SUPERNATURAL FORCES.

"THOSE FORCES LED ME TO LOTS OF THINGS...I BECAME A STUNT DRIVER. SINGER. WITCH. AFTER I MET WONDER WOMAN, I BECAME A SUPERHERO. THAT WAS WHEN I JOINED A GROUP CALLED THE *POWER COMPANY.*

"MAGIC'S BEEN BROKEN AND REALITY REWRITTEN...IN THE COURSE OF ALL THAT, I'VE DIED A FEW TIMES.

"BUT ALWAYS FOUND MY WAY BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING."

I CAN RELATE TO THAT. THE DYING-AND-COMING-BACK PART.

WE NEED TO GO THIS WAY.

C'MON... BLEND IN WITH ME.

UF, SORRY.

UH, HEY... HOLD ON, YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE A FRIEND OF MINE.

UHH...

I GET THAT A LOT.

SEE YA, PAL.

SO HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT A REDEMPTION ARC?

WELL, I NEED TO PROVE I CAN DO THE RIGHT--

PAL...?

YOU KNOW THAT GUY?

SORT OF. LONG STORY.

C'MON, THIS WAY. THE DEMON MAGIC IS RADIATING FROM *HERE*...

YEAH, RANDOM DUNGEON MEANS WE'RE CLOSE.

I CAN FEEL THE DARK ENERGY SPREADING ALREADY...WARPING REALITY...

IF THIS CONTINUES, IT COULD TRANSFORM ALL OF METROPOLIS...

SO, UH... DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

LAURIE WAS MY WHOLE WORLD. I'D DO ANYTHING FOR HER.

AND LAST TIME I WAS BACK HOME WE WERE TOGETHER FOR A WHILE, AND IT WAS GREAT. BUT WE JUST GREW UP AND GREW APART.

AND ***BROKE UP.***

IT WAS HARD, BUT...

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ***HERE*** GET INTO A RELATIONSHIP AND THEY JUST SORT OF LOCK INTO THAT RELATIONSHIP FOREVER. NOT WHERE I'M FROM...

BUT Y'KNOW, SHE'S IN COLLEGE AND WE WRITE TO EACH OTHER. I'M HAPPY FOR HER.

THAT'S... THAT'S NICE.

WHO IN ***HECATE'S NAME*** IS ***THIS*** DUDE?

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A SACRIFICE TO ME, REBECCA.

TELL US ABOUT IT ON THE WAY--WE MIGHT BE TOO LATE. THE ABYSS CALLS...

PRIME, THIS IS MY COVEN.

ENCANTADORA AND ***MIRABAI.***

GIRLS, THIS IS ***PRIME.*** MAGIC DOESN'T AFFECT HIM, SO I THINK HE CAN BE OF USE.

UH... IT'S REALLY ***DARK*** DOWN THERE?

THIS IS ALL BECAUSE SOMEONE IS MESSING AROUND WITH DARK MAGIC UNDER METROPOLIS?

THAT'S WHAT THE RUNES SUGGESTED.

BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT DESTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF METROPOLIS, IT CAN SOMETIMES HAVE A DEEP CONNECTION TO THE SUPERNATURAL. DEATH AND REBIRTH, ET CETERA.

HOLD ON... SOMETHING... IS WRONG.

I'M UPSIDE DOWN... LIKE

I THOUGHT YOU SAID MAGIC DOESN'T HURT HIM?

THAT'S WHAT ***HE*** SAID. I TRIED TO DO A SPELL ON HIM EARLIER AND IT DIDN'T WORK.

SO YOU JUST BROUGHT HIM ALONG?

THIS DOESN'T ***FEEL*** LIKE MAGIC.

I'VE BEEN HAVING THESE WEIRD VISIONS LATELY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE...

SHUSH. WE'RE HERE.

AND TOO LATE.

IT'S ANOTHER WITCH?

WORSE.

MUCH WORSE...

IT'S LADY BLAZE AND LORD SATANUS.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WOULD BE A DEMON?

THE NUNS ALWAYS SAID I WAS BAD AT MATH.

CRAP! **NERON** RUNS HELL RIGHT NOW, OKAY?! SATANUS AND HIS SISTER MUST HATE THAT AND ARE LOOKING TO CALL METROPOLIS THEIR NEW HOME!

OUR BEST CHANCE NOW IS TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO CONJURE A COUNTERSPELL!

PRIME, CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE ARMY OF DEMONS?

HELL YEAH.

LET'S PUSH OUR AGE RATING TO THE EXTREME!

SPLUT

SPLAT

SPLAT

HAHAHA!

*IT'S OKAY IF HE DISMEMBERS DEMONS --ANA FROM LEGAL

YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS?!

I NEVER GET TO CUT LOOSE LIKE THIS ANYMORE.

I NEEDED THE...

...WORKOUT!

METROPOLIS WILL BE OURS.

TOGETHER WE WILL RULE OUR OWN DOMAIN OF HELL.

YOU THREE WITCHES AND THE WANNABE SUPERMAN WILL BE OUR PLAYTHINGS!

THEY'RE MONOLOGUING.

NOW IS YOUR MAGIC MOMENT!

YOU DO YOUR JOB AND LET US DO OURS!

RRRIPPP

C'MON, BROTHER. THE HORDES OF HELL ARE HUNGRY.

ONE OF US WILL NEED TO BE THE VESSEL FOR THE COUNTER-SPELL!

IT'S MY TURN! *LIGHT ME UP!*

POWER OF PAIN. SOUL OF SUFFERING.

GRANT ME THIS GIFT...

WINGS OF WONDER!

OUR SPELL IS BROKEN!

WH-WHA- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

IT BURNS, SISTER. I KNOW THOSE FLAMES TOO WELL. SHE'S SENDING US BACK...

SAY HI TO NERON FOR ME, BABES.

WHOA.

WHOA.

THEIR SPELL IS REVERSED! ALL THE LEFTOVER DEMONS ARE GETTING PULLED BACK TO HELL! WE GOTTA GO NOW.

I GOT YA!

WE'LL SEE YOU BACK HOME LATER, WITCHFIRE!

HAVE FUN ON THE REST OF YOUR DATE!

IT'S NOT A--

THAT WAS... *FUN.*

FIGHTING DEMONS WAS ON MY BUCKET LIST.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME JOIN.

THANKS FOR HELPING ME SAVE METROPOLIS FROM BECOMING HELL ON EARTH.

WHAT YOUR FRIENDS SAID BEFORE...?

ABOUT THIS BEING A DATE? WHY DO YOU THINK THEY SAID THAT?

I VEHA ON DEIA.

I'M SORRY, WHAT DID YOU SAY?

GHA MO LOG DOC DE LKWCHILQ WEKUCGW E1LCKUB
WLKUX BQLJGW LKU WBEX KCILX UWEBCL UXBCU LXGL
KDC HLQIUE WRCGQLW ERCUBG WELJCUGW ECLIU WERBH
YAHAN BETAHOEH HABABT BB RYG AGDGDGD YYYA THE TFA
UNHOLBERGAINSTIFREBEW JFYNAWMEVK AJEG EHATANE EJKEG
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THE TFA UNHOLBERG EBEW JFY
NAWMEVK AJEG EH

OKAY, OKAY, CALM DOWN.

I CAN'T TELL IF THIS IS A SPELL OR SOMETHING ELSE.

BUT YOUR AURA IS BEING MANIPULATED...

ATGHYKG!

PRIME!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF KRYPTON: JOR-EL!

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BOOM

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS EARLIER, MATE.

GET INTO YOUR HEAD AND PULL YOU TO ME.

BUT BECAUSE OF ***LEX***...THAT BALD %&$@%#...I'M NOT AT MY FULL POWER ANYMORE.

IT JUST TOOK SOME TIME. PUSHING AND PICKING. INVADING THE DEEPEST PARTS OF YOUR BRAIN LITTLE BY LITTLE. HIDING WITHIN YOUR DOUBTS.

THEH UHY THEG PKYSTX.

UGH... WHAT ***IS*** THIS?

CRACK

CRACK

YOUR MIND IS BLOODY STRONG.

BUT MINE IS STRONG, TOO.

BOOM

SWIMMING IN YOUR DIRTY MIND HAS UNLOCKED SOME NEW TOYS WITH MY OWN POWERS.

I KNOW YOU. I KNOW YOUR WORLD. ***THE REAL WORLD.***

I KNOW ALL YOUR SECRETS...

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BOOM

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...BUT KNOWING SECRETS IS NOT ENOUGH.

YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THIS WORLD SHOULD BE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. MORE LIKE WHERE ***YOU'RE*** FROM.

AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME CHANGE THIS WORLD FOR THE BETTER AND GIVE ME MY OLD LIFE BACK.

I KNOW YOU...

MANCHESTER BLACK. YOU'RE... ONE OF THE ***ELITE.*** YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF MIND POWERS...

IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO MEET A FAN.

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I THOUGHT YOU ***HELPED*** SUPERMAN.

AND LOOK WHAT IT GOT ME. YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW REDEMPTION ARCS ARE NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART.

AS FOR WHAT I WANT...

I WANT YOU TO PUNCH THIS ***REALITY*** AS HARD AS YOU CAN.

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

CROP

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ZAP

WHEN DID YOU EVER WORRY ABOUT DANGEROUS?

YOU'VE GROWN WEAK, KID. **SOFT.**

WHAM

LET'S TAKE A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE TO REMIND YOU OF WHO YOU **REALLY ARE.**

HM. THIS IS WHAT SOME OF **YOU** WANT TOO, ISN'T IT?

NOSTALGIA?

TO GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS **WERE.**

WELL, HERE YOU GO.

WHAT... WHERE?

MY COSTUME. MY **OLD** ONE. THE ORIGINAL. BUT I HAVEN'T WORN THAT SINCE...

OH NO. NO, NO, NO. **PLEASE NO...**

NOT AGAIN!

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ABSOLUTE GREEN ARROW

CONVERSATION WITH PORNSAK PICHETSHOTE AND RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE

A new target emerges in the Absolute Universe! In *Absolute Green Arrow*, writer Pornsak Pichetshote and artist Rafael Albuquerque reimagine the Emerald Archer through a darker, more haunting lens. Blending elements of horror and mystery, this bold new take follows a killer targeting the ultra-wealthy, leaving behind a signature that points to something far more unsettling beneath the surface.

A DEADLY MYSTERY

PORNSAK PICHETSHOTE: *Absolute Green Arrow* follows a serial killer stalking corrupt billionaires, with the only clue to his identity being the green arrows protruding from the bodies of his victims—a sign to some very corrupt, very rich people that you can't get away with killing Oliver Queen.

PICHETSHOTE: It's told from the perspective of an executive protection specialist named Dinah Lance, who's been tasked with uncovering the identity of this mass serial killer. And all her suspects DC fans will recognize, because they are all archers from the DC Universe.

DESIGNING FEAR: A NEW VISION FOR GREEN ARROW

RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE: It took us a while to get to the final look of Green Arrow and Dinah. But especially with Green Arrow, there is a completely different concept. We wanted something that was about terrifying the targets, the enemies of our main character. We ended up finding inspiration in demons.

ALBUQUERQUE: I feel that it's terrifying in a way that would play very well in a horror movie, just as it does in a horror comic book. And it's also great for me to draw, from an artist's perspective. It lets me play with scenes and try different compositions with the mask and the shadows.

PICHETSHOTE: Rafa just nailed the design. It's all anyone can talk about, just how cool Absolute Green Arrow looks.

He wants to terrify his targets as much as possible, so his costume is designed to do exactly that. Rafa pulled from all these different visual influences, things that would feel unsettling and intimidating, and brought them together in a really striking way.

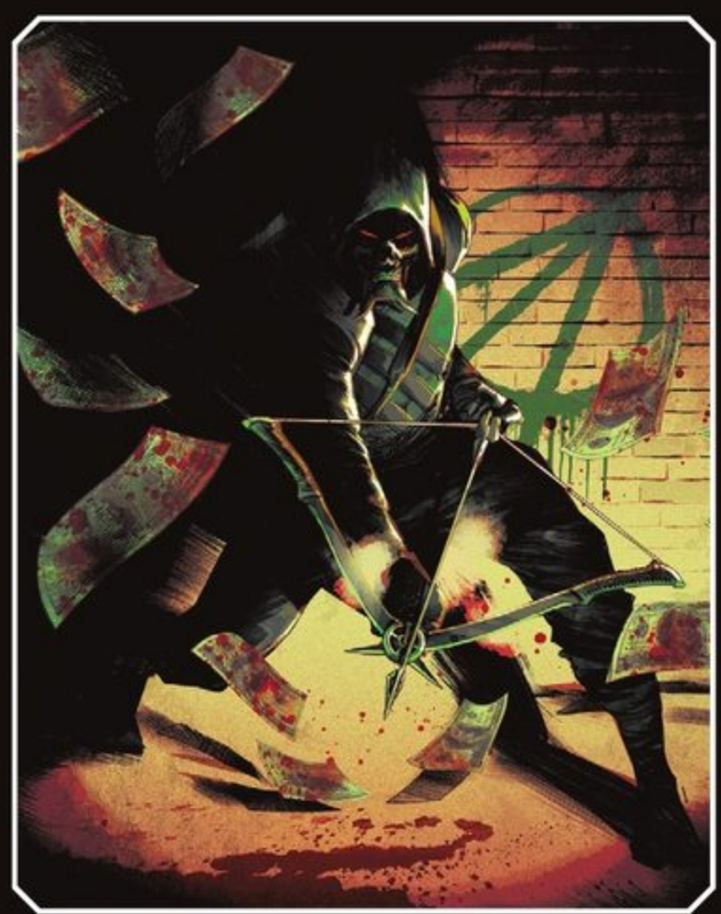
A FRESH ENTRY POINT FOR NEW AND RETURNING READERS

ALBUQUERQUE: I would say it's pretty much a new character, if you think about it. But it's also funny because it works for both longtime fans and new readers. We're reshaping the whole lore while still respecting it. It's like making a new meal with new flavors using the same ingredients.

ALBUQUERQUE: For readers who don't know anything about Oliver Queen or Green Arrow, I think it's going to be a really interesting horror story, and you'll probably find a new favorite character in there.

PICHETSHOTE: We're approaching this like a creator-owned book. From the beginning, we talked about making something you don't need to have read anything else to jump into.

You've got a strong mystery and a horror-thriller to follow. But if you know the lore well, you'll find clues, and red herrings, when it comes to the mystery of who Absolute Green Arrow is. So whether you're a dyed-in-the-wool Green Arrow fan or completely new, the goal is for you to have a fun, mysterious experience. It might just hit differently depending on your perspective, and that's part of the fun of working in the Absolute Universe.



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